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STATE LICENSE AND RESTRICTION FOR UNIONS NOT APPROVED BY COMMISSION

Among eight bills introduced with final report of the Housing (Lockwood) Commission January 16th is one sponsored solely by Counsellor Samuel Untermyer, which provides that trades unions shall be prohibited from limiting membership, limiting apprentices, expelling any member, giving any employer preference in employment of members, limiting number of helpers or apprentices in union shop, any action intended to discipline employers, price-fixing agreements with employers as to labor or materials, limiting amount of work in day's work, refusing to work in connection with any device or method installed by employer; and requiring governmental supervision of accounts and records of unions. This bill is Senate Int. 122 and Assembly Int. 203. It is proposed to enforce these and other provisions by conditional licensing of unions by a state commission. Unless so licensed, trades unions may not function; they may appeal to courts pending enforcement of order annulling right to function, and court decree is final. This drastic proposal, which is opposed by organized labor of this state, was refused approval by Housing Commission. Its new chairman, Senator Dunnigan, and most of the members are emphatically opposed to it, and the formal unanimous report says: "In its 1921 report the Commission found no justification nor necessity for legislation subjecting the affairs of unions to state supervision. The numerous reforms suggested then had been agreed to by most of the unions and there had been no general disposition to oppose these reforms. . .Therefore no legislation is recommended." Bill of Mr. Untermyer's was introduced "by request" as courtesy to Commission's chief counsellor, but without recommendation. The New York State Federation of Labor at its 59th annual convention on August 24, 1922, unanimously resolved to oppose any such measure as an unwarranted restriction of the freedom of wage-earning citizens.

ENDORSING AN EXCLUSIVE STATE INSURANCE FUND, Housing Commission in its report of January 16th introduced commission bill to make State Fund for Workmen's Compensation Insurance the only form of such insurance. Bill was urged by Counsellor Untermyer, and is almost identical with Downing-W.W. Campbell bill of this Federation as introduced.

GOVERNOR SMITH HAS APPOINTED and Senate confirmed Bernard L. Shientag of New York as State Industrial Commissioner to succeed Commissioner Sayer, resigned. He also appointed Miss Frances Perkins as member of State Industrial Board to succeed Mrs. Whitney, term expired. Commissioner Shientag was chief legal counsel in old State Industrial Commission and legal counsel to Gompers-Wagner-Smith Factory Investigating Commission of 1911-1915, which reported and secured enactment of many additions to Labor Laws and developed State Labor Department. Miss Perkins was a member of the old State Industrial Commission.

LEGALIZING OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE is demanded of Congress in joint resolution of Legislature introduced by Senator Walker and Assemblyman Donohue, to be voted on January 22nd. Senator Dunnigan introduced Senate bill No.71 repealing State Prohibition Enforcement (Mullen-Gage) Law.

FOUR EXTRA FIREMEN in Hudson River State Hospital are provided in Item 124 of State Budget to enable all firemen to have weekly day of rest.

ADDITIONAL LABOR BILLS INTRODUCED SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

Int. No.	Description of Contents of Bill	Introducer
S 62	– Restore 225 factory inspectors to State Labor Dept.	Antin
S 63	– Compensation Law Referees appointed by Industrial Board	Antin
S 86	– Sunday closing barber shops Saratoga and New York City	Straus
A 223	– " " " " " " " "	Clayton
S 101	– Removing $3500 limit in Compensation Law on temporary	Lacey
A 240	– total and temporary partial disablement payments	O'Connor
S 102	– Verified medical and surgical reports to be prima facie	Lacey
A 241	– evidence for claimant in Compensation claim cases	O'Connor
A 188	– Direct employment janitor-engineers in N. Y. City schools	Nugent
A 229	– Practical mechanics as boiler inspectors in N. Y. City	Howard
A 196	– Medical and dental care and treatment of school children	Ullman
A 224	– Placing workplaces in any building under factory fire law	Coleman
A 228	– Increase pay State Hospital Employees generally	Hackett

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JOINT HEARING ON FEDERATION BILL TO CURB STATE POLICE MARCH 28TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2 p.m.-Joint Hearing Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees on Lacey-Rourke (S.print 546-A.print 752) bill prohibiting State Police from entering community unless at voted request of local legislative body, such community to pay entire cost of such police service. Hearing same day before Public Service Committee on Lacey bill to repeal law giving railroad right to create State Police force. Senator Swift and Assemblyman Cheney of Buffalo introduced bill March 21st giving intercity trolley corporations right to appoint State Police. Report of abuses by State Police in labor disputes will be read at hearing March 28th.

HEARING MARCH 27, before Assembly Judiciary on Bloch A. print 4 restoring direct nominations state officers and judges in primaries.

Hearing March 27, before Senate Cities Committee on Straus S. print 956 giving aldermen power to fix salaries of all officers and employees.

HEARING MARCH 28, before Senate Public Service Committee on Lacey S. print 32 empowering cities to own, lease or operate motor street bus lines.

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ASSEMBLY PASSED WALKER EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION of $150,000 for State Labor Dept. March 20. Sent to Governor Smith, who signed bill this week.

ASSEMBLY PASSED COTILLO BILL, providing funds for pensions of N.Y.City street cleaners March 20; had passed Senate. Before Mayor Hylan.

SENATE PASSED COTILLO MINIMUM WAGE BILL for employed women and minors at night session March 20. Amendments defeated by 7 ayes, 40 noes; final vote, 27 ayes, 22 noes. Bill received Assembly; sent to committee.

SENATE PASSED REIBURN BILL providing adequate expenses for State Insurance Fund at night session March 20. Hearing held on C.P.Miller Assembly duplicate March 20. May be reported next week.

SENATE PASSED WALKER $1 GAS BILL for N.Y.City March 20; in Assembly.

SENATE PASSED WALKER BILL REPEALING MOTION PICTURE Censorship law at night session March 20, by 26 ayes, 23 noes. Bill goes to Assembly.

SENATE PASSED REIBURN BILL EXTENDING FAIR RENT laws to Feb. 15, 1925. Bill in Assembly. Hearing held on Gavagan duplicate Assembly bill.

HOUSING COMMISSION STATE FUND BILL, amended to exclude stock insurance companies from writing Workmen's Compensation Insurance and permitting mutual companies and self-insuring employers, was defeated in Senate March 20 by 22 ayes and 28 noes, four Democrats voting with 24 Republicans.

AT HEARING ON WALKER BILL requiring all organizations to report membership, laws, and actions under oath regularly (known as anti-Ku Klux bill) and on Byrne bill to register all organizations soliciting funds held March 21, Labor submitted amendment exempting labor unions.

FOUR EXTRA FIREMEN for Poughkeepsie State Hospital provided in annual appropriation bill to allow one-day-rest-in-seven for all boiler firemen.

ASSEMBLY PASSED HACKENBURG BILL March 19 which gives employees of N.Y. City Dept. of Correction 48-hour week. Bill in Senate Cities.

ASSEMBLY KILLED GOVERNOR SMITH'S BILLS on March 21 making 4-year terms for Governor, Lieut.-Governor and Comptroller and creating a State Budget.

THIS FEDERATION WAS RECORDED IN FAVOR of the Walker-Rourke and other bills restoring to cities control over trolley fares and other local public service and permitting ownership at joint hearing March 21.

SENATE PASSED MARCH 20 CONROY A. print 1241 generally revising N.Y.City retirement pension system. Bill sent to Mayor Hylan March 21 for approval.

SENATE DEFEATED STRAUS BILL March 21, which authorized State to accept the moneys provided by Shepard-Towner Federal Maternity Aid act.

ROURKE TWO-PLATOON BILL for 2nd-class cities favorably reported Assembly.

ADDITIONAL LABOR BILLS INTRODUCED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

Int.No.	Description of Contents of Bill	Introducer
S 1377	- Prohibiting use of poisonous paint-spraying machines	Byrne
S 1476	- Gov.Smith's State Produced Hydro-Electricity Bill	Rabenold
S 1425	- N.Y.City hydro-electricity from water supply system	Walker
S 1290	- Restoring mercantile and factory inspectors with former	Reiburn
A 1543	- grades and promotions in State Labor Dept.	Hackenburg
A 1675	- Order of Eagles Old Age Pension Bill of $350 a year	Flynn

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A STATE CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZED LABOR TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION WILL BE HELD IN CITY HALL AT ALBANY ON MONDAY, APRIL 23RD, COMMENCING AT NOON.

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HEARINGS TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH, as given in Bulletin #12, on Levy-Flynn bill legalizing Sunday theatricals and Byrne-Boyle up-state fair rents bill.

ASSEMBLY VOTED TO ADJOURN APRIL 27TH. Final joint date may be few days later. Assembly Rules Committee takes control of all bills April 16th.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS REPEAL LUSK LAWS occurs in Assembly next Tuesday. Also final action same day on bills repeal Mullan-Gage prohibition laws.

LACEY BILL TO REPEAL RR. STATE POLICE law of 1921 reported in Senate.

GOV. SMITH SIGNED APPROPRIATION bills for new $1,500,000 soldiers hospital and $13,000,000 for construction and repair state and local roads. Also signed N.Y.City street cleaners and fire fighters pension fund bills.

LACEY BILL FOR CITY-OWNED BUS LINES all cities reported in Senate.

SENATE PASSED AND SENT TO MAYOR HYLAN April 4th for approval Clayton A. print 918 crediting N. Y. teachers with pension contributions to old fund.

REIBURN BILL EXEMPTING N.Y.CITY from terms of 1922 State Standard Building Code for places of public assembly reported favorably Senate.

SENATOR RABENOLD INTRODUCED as S.Int.1629 duplicate of Hackenburg A.Int. 1654, bill of Longshoremen's Union to bond stevedore contractors.

SENATOR McGARRY INTRODUCED bill Int.1674 requiring crew of two persons on every street car operated in New York City to avert accidents.

SENATE PASSED APRIL 3RD FARRELL BILL providing that pensions for N.Y. City school teachers shall be based on "last five years" in service.

ASSEMBLY PASSED APRIL 3RD BURCHILL A.print 1916 prohibiting bootblacking after 1 P.M.Sundays except in large hotels and passenger depots.

BURCHILL ASSEMBLY BILL print 2030, making mandatory present salaries N.Y.City street cleaners advanced to third reading in Assembly.

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SEVENTEEN LABOR BILLS REPORTED AND ADVANCED APRIL 4TH IN SENATE

Int.No.	Description of Contents of Bill	Introducer
S 101	- Removing $3500 limit on Compensation for disability	Lacey
S 102	- Verified medical reports evidence in Compensation claim	Lacey
S 590	- Reduce non-compensated period to seven days (now 14)	Sheridan
S 591	- Extra compensation during healing period of wounds	Sheridan
S 592	- Provide hearing in every Compensation claim by referee	Sheridan
S 593	- Increase time limit of notice of claim to two years	Sheridan
S 659	- Increase funeral benefit Compensation law to $200	Swift
S 661	- Employer to furnish Occupational Disease information	Swift
S 949	- Employer violating Labor Law liable also for damages	Russell
S 1195	- Private chauffeurs brought under benefits Compensation Law	Straus
S 1196	- Extending Compensation Law employment of two or more	Straus
A 409	- County self-insurance plan public employes(Passed Assembly)	Hutchinson
S 501	- 48-hour week and Sunday rest employees penal institutions	Reiburn
S 594	- Extend Bureau of Women in Industry in State Labor Dept.	Sheridan
S 1255	Restoring original penalty 8-hour & prevailing wages law	McGarry
S 1290	- Restoring grades factory inspectors and fixed salaries	Reiburn
S 383	- Medical and dental care and treatment school children	Straus

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SENATE PASSED APRIL 4TH WALKER BILLS giving N.Y.City power to own, operate and regulate street transit; giving N.Y.City power to generate and sell electricity from water supply; restoring 5¢ street car fare and local control all cities. Also passed Twomey bill reorganizing Public Service Commission without power to fix any rates. Bills in Assembly.

SENATE PASSED APRIL 3RD COTILLO print 1808 providing male minors under 18 shall not be employed more than 48 hours a week. In Assembly.

SENATE PASSED APRIL 4TH WALKER bill amending constitution to enable popular amendment constitution by initiative and referendum. In Assembly.

BILL TO LICENSE BARBERS REPORTED Assembly April 5th. Has passed Senate.

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SUMMARY OF LABOR LEGISLATIVE RESULTS OF 1923 SESSION

146th annual session N.Y. State Legislature adjourned sine die officially noon May 4, actually 2 a.m. May 5. Chief accomplishment in interest of wage-earners was provision of emergency and regular funds totaling $755,000 increase over 1922 appropriations to enable State Labor Dept. to better enforce and administer State Labor Laws and Workmen's Compensation Law. Bills also enacted expand Bureau of Women in Industry and restore statutory grades and salaries inspectors in Labor Dept. Only gain in Workmen's Compensation Law are enactments admitting verified medical reports as prima facie evidence at hearings on claims and penalizing employer of illegally employed injured minor with double compensation. Other bills on Labor Program enacted are those repealing the Lusk Laws establishing espionage of school teachers and censoring private instruction; creating licenses for barbers of the State; giving Buffalo city employees right of trial before dismissal; providing two-platoon shifts of duty for fire fighters in 2d-class cities: stabilizing increased salaries and providing pension funds for N.Y.City street cleaners; providing 48-hour week with 16 hours reserve duty for employees N.Y.Dept. Correction; increasing pay employees State penal institutions and armories; increasing pay State hospital employees (amended by reducing amount and application); extending anti-exorbitant rent law to several up-State cities; proposals to bond State for $45,000,000 for World War Veterans' bonus and for $50,000,000 to improve and build State hospitals and asylums; companion bills improving pension system for State and N.Y.city employees. Bill giving State Insurance Fund increased expense account to compete with private insurance companies was enacted and signed as Chap. 344. Several bills inimical to welfare of workers enacted are being opposed before Governor.

Most of major planks in Labor Program were defeated, Senate and Assembly joining in killing Exclusive State Fund bill, anti-injunction-without hearing bill, bill prohibiting State Police entering communities except on request of local authority, and bills restoring penalty for eight-hour and prevailing rate of wages law and defining public work. Senate passed and Assembly killed bills amending anti-monoply law by declaring labor of a human being is not a commodity; providing an eight-hour workday and minimum wages for women and minors; requiring hearings in all Compensation cases; removing $3500 limit on compensation for injuries; reducing non-compensated period from 14 to 7 days; providing compensation during healing periods while totally disabled; increasing time limit of notice of claim to two years; increasing application and scope of Compensation Law; restoring direct primary nominations state officers and judges; providing state development of hydro-electricity; repealing motion picture censorship law; revoking powers of Public Service Commission and relocating in localities control of public utilities, rates, etc., and direct popular amendment of Constitution. Free school text book bill died in Assembly and medical care of school children died in Senate. Several bills opposed by labor were defeated, including licensing labor unions, opening theatres, factories and stores on Sunday, removing all women over 18 years from protection of Labor Laws, creating street railroad state police, nullifying part-time schools for employed minors, giving exclusive powers to state judiciary, raiding Buffalo school funds, etc. Both houses passed doubtful Home Rule amendment to constitution and vicious amendment authorizing grants of Adirondack water powers to private persons, to be submitted to referendum next election. Bills repealing Mullan-Gage state prohibition laws and prohibiting search or seizure without a warrant passed and are before Governor.

Bills of special import to crafts, such as Painters bill prohibiting poisonous paint spraying machines, Longshoremens bill to bond stevedores to assure payment of wages, Barbers bill for six-day week in N.Y.City and Saratoga, Stationary Firemens bill extending day of-rest law, RR.Bro'hds. bill defining railroad police, 2-platoons for fire fighters in 3d-class cities, etc., were defeated in committee or by vote in either house.

Gov. Smith has until June 3rd to dispose of all bills before him, some of which must also be passed upon by Mayors of cities. Hearings before Governor will occur week of May 21st, when those interested should be present. When Governor has concluded disposition of all bills a complete review will be issued to affiliated unions, giving legislative votes and executive action on all bills.

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